

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments, which place this application in full compliance with the sequence requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-825. None of the amendments introduces new matter into the application.

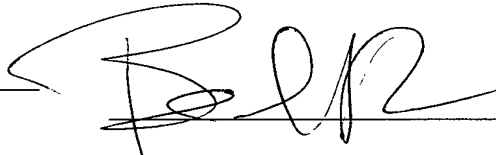
Applicants now await an early and favorable examination of this application on its merits. If the Examiner believes that an interview would advance prosecution, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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